BIC HUNT FOR J. A. CHANLER.

But Police and Detectives Find Not the Slightest Clue.

VANISHED 12 DAYS AGO.

His Family Beginning to Lose Hope, but Quest Still Goes On.

John Armstrong Chanler, thirtyeight years old, weighs 170 pounds, is five feet nine inches tall, has light complexion, brown hair, long face, a mole on the left cheek, near the ear. He wore at the time he disappeared a dark blue overcoat, mixed gray sack sult, soft black hat and a

That description of the great grandson of the first John Jacob Astor, which was sent out, in a general police alarm when he disappeared from Bloomingdale Asylum twelve days ago, is in the hands of the police of every large city in the country. It is also memorized by the pick of private detectives who are seeking some trace of the man who has vanished as completely as though he had been dissolved into air.

The search has been vigorously conducted by men keen on the scent for human quarry; hospitals and institutions this and other cities have been searched, but in vain.

'I have gone away for a few days or a little personal business," This laconic letter, received at the asylum twentyfour hours after he had gone and postmarked this city, was the last clue.

The search is still active here, though was thought at first that the man who had quietly spent three years in the asylum at White Plains would seek to find his divorced wife, Amelie Rives, now Princess Troubetzkoy, whom he thinks still loves him, and who is said to be in a sanitarium suffering from nervous affliction.

Family Losing Hope.

Mr. Chanler's family are beginning to lose hope that he will be found alive. When he left White Plains, so far as the officials know there, he only had a few dollars in his pockets, and these, combined with what he might raise by the sale of a few trinkets, were only sufficient to keep him for a few days. Another more hopeful view is that he took a train and is now far away from New

It may be possible, it has been pointed out, that Mr. Chanler may have found a refuge in this city with some former acquaintance and is resting there while police and detectives are looking high

and low for him. Where is this man who has an income of \$30,000 a year?

The possessor of this wealth, though insane, might have been kidnapped by designing persons. The detectives have not entirely put aside this, theory, though they are in the possession of no facts to justify it.

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John Armstrong Chanler, though pronounced hopelessly insane by the State experts, is a remarkable maniac. His manner has always been quiet and self-contained, and the mental disorder has in nowise changed his characteristics. His condition is such that strangers might talk to him without noticing any signs of insanity. He has talked rationally for hours and with little less charm of conversation than was his before distorted shapes began to flit through his brain.

His physical health is good and, sup-plied with funds, he might travel around the world without arousing the suspi-cion that he was a madman. It is probable that, with insane cunning, he carefully planned during his three-year atay at Bioomingdale the method of his escape, and that he carried it out to the letter.

Mind Clear for Business

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On business matters Mr. Chanler's mind has been clear to a surprising degree, and it was said that he was improving at the assylum. He was visited regularly by Harry V. N. Philip, of the firm of Chanler & Philip, this city, who consulted him on all his business affairs and followed his advice in matters involving large sums of money.

In striking contrast to this rational side of his self was his delusion that he had made a great fortune at Monte Carlo.

On his table was a miniature roulette wheel, over which he spent much time, exhibiting the same delight that a child displays with a favorite toy.

He at times imagined he was Napoleon; at others Mr. Hyde; but in all these hallucinations there was some siight thread of memory of his talented wife, lost to him forever. Sometimes he imagined that she had written him to come to her, and it is believed that in answer to one of these imaginary calls he started away.

OLD FRIEND OF MAGISTRATE.

Prisoner Charged with Intoxica tion Once at University Club.

Magistrate Cornell, in the Essex Mar ket Court to-day, was visibly shocked when Louis Keilback was arraigned to answer a charge of intoxication. "Haven't I seen you before?" asked the Court.

"Tes, sir," responded the prisoner "You saw me often at the University Club house, where I had charge of the clear counter."
"I remember you well now," mused
the Court. "What a pretty boy you
were then. Quite different from now.
How did you come to fall? Was it
drink?" drink?"
The defendant nodded his head, and with a promise to stop drinking the Magistrate discharged him.

DROVE SHEARS INTO NECK. Philadelphian Used Hatchet to Hammer the Wespon.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.-George Wagner, a salesman, committed su'cid to-day by driving a large pair of shears through his neck, making use of a hatchet to accomplish the act,

In his death agony Wagner fell down a flight of stairs, his weight tearing away the railing.

About three months ago Wagner's wife left him, owing to his intemperate habits. After his wife's departure Wagner took up his residence ini a lodging house and drank to still greater excess.

Reland Reed No Better. Roland Reed, the actor, taken to St. ake's Hospital several days ago seri-usly ill, has not improved.

THE BIG STORE TO LETY INTISCLE

TUESDAY, DEC. 11, 1900.

Why Not Buy Something Useful for a Christmas Sift?



Presents that are of Presents that are of practical use that will beautify the home or beautify the home or add to its comfort—are the kind that the recipient will appreciate most and remember longest. Why not choose a handsome piece of Furniture, a beautiful Rug, a choice Picture, some Curtains and Draperies-all of which are

shown here in well-nigh endless assortments and at prices that will save you money-much money as compared with prices elsewhere. Purchases can be made now and delivery arranged for any desired day, and

there will be no extra charge of any

sort for packing, crating or shipping.

Carpets and Rugs.

Right before the Christmas holidays is a good time to replace old, worn-out, faded carpets with new ones. And in your list of Christmas presents, don't fail to include a handsome rug or two. Our stock was never larger, better or lower in price than at the present time. Just note a few of our unequalled offerings:

300 Rolls about 1,500 yards) BEST VELVET CARPETS, standard makes, all the up-todate styles and colorings; regularly sold at \$1.25 a yard; reduced for to-morrow 75c

250 Rolls (about 1,250 yards) ROYAL WIL-TON VELVET CARPETS, with and with-out borders, also hall and stair patterns, a wide range of patterns to choose from; the present low price on this grade of carpets is \$1.50 a yard; for to-mor-row we have marked them at 7.00

(The above price includes making and laying, and to prevent dealers from buying we shall make no dif-ference in the price should purchasers not want carpets made and laid.)

Rugs for the Holidays AT LOW PRICES.

A fine and very complete assortment, at prices rangi from 50c. aplece up to \$250. These rugs are unquestionably 25 per cent. cheaper than rugs of an equal quality can be had for elsewhere at the present time.

China, Cut Slass and Bric-a-Brac.

There's many a woman that would prefer a Christmas gift from this list to almost anything else you could buy her. Think it over. Meanwhile, glance over what we offer and note the moderate prices as compared with those charged elsewhere for similar and even inferior goods.

Cut Stass.
FINE AMERICAN CUT GLASS, on heavy blanks, in handsome new designs, all hand polished. Here are a few sample prices: FRUIT OR SALAD BOWLS, rich design, large 8-in. bowl, special, at

OLIVE OR BONBON DISHES, in new designs, very special at OIL OR VINEGAR CRUETS, rich cutting, with cut glass stopper, very

special at SUGARS AND CREAMS, fancy shapes, very large sizes, special, per

TUMBLERS, water size, handsomely cut, special, per dozen, 2.95

Brie-a-Brac. A very large assortment of FRENCH BRONZES, ROYAL VIENNA, SEVRES, WEDGWOOD, ROYAL BONN, TEPLITZ, BISQUE, ITALIAN, JAPANESE and other ware from the shops of famous makers, a great variety of shapes and designs, ranging in price from 20c. to \$400.00. The variety is too large to permit detailed mention of prices, but we guarantee them to be lower prices, but we guarantee them to be lower than the same class of goods can be had for anywhere else in America.

WATER TUMBLERS, thin blown glass, large sizes, special, per doz., at WINE GLASSES in three new shapes, imitation of cut glass, special, per

WINE DECANTER, rich design, imitation of cut glass, at CLARET JUG, rich design, imitation of cut glass, special,

LEMONADE SET, Bohemian glass, handsomely decorated, large sized jug, with six glasses, embossed tray, spe-Dinner Ware.

DINNER SET, 100 pieces, fine thin porcelain, handsomely decorated, very special at DINNER SET, 166 pieces, fine Austrian china, very richly decorated, spe-

china, DINNER SET, 100 pieces, French Havi-land china, very richly decerated, House Furnishing Goods.

In addition to many standard household necessities this list contains some articles that are well adapted for Christmas gifts, such as Fancy Work and Scrap Baskets, Chafing Dishes, Five o'Clock Tea Kettles, &c. The low prices speak for themselves.

Baskets. We import direct. Our present stock is very complete, and comprises all the latest and handsomest designs.

FANCY WORK BASKETS, 15 different designs, in assorted colors, special at FANCY WORK BASKETS, in beautiful colors and pretty designs, with cover, special to-morrow at CANDY BASKETS, in assorted colors, 100

special at STANDING WORK BASKETS, 3 different shapes, in very beautiful colors, special at SCRAP BASKETS, 5 different styles to select from, at SCRAP BASKETS, handsomely col-

ored, special at PAPER RACKS, all different shapes and designs, assorted colors, special at Chafing Dishes.
CHAFING DISHES of solid brass

nickel-plated, with asbestos lamp and wrought-iron stand, special at CHAFING DISHES, of brass, nitkel-plated, with stand, beautiful in design, with non-explosive alcohol burner, special at Toa Kottles, &c.

TEA POTS, nickel-plated, designed from the latest silver tea pots, special tomorrow at O'CLOCK TEA KETTLES, made entirely of brass, pretty shape and richly finished, to-morrow at O'CLOCK TEA KETTLE, with wrought-iron stand, brass finish, spe-

PUDDING DISHES, nickel-plated, with beaded ends and enamel pans; 2-pint 3-pint size, special af

Woodenware. BLACKING CABINET, an acceptable and most useful Xmas present, made of hardwood, with carpet tops, spe-

We also have a very large assortment at the following prices : \$1.06, \$1.25, \$1.54, \$1.65, \$2.25 and DRESSMAKERS' OR CUTTING TABLES, made of hardwood, with folding legs and highly polished,

special to-morrow at A demonstration of CARPET SWEEP-ERS manufactured by Bissell, of Grand Rapids, is now going on. The Cyco Bearing Carpet Sweeper, the very latest improved kind, japanned, we offer special at Nickel plated, special at

We also have a special leader in a Bissell-make CARPET SWEEPER, called "Our Columbia," which we offer to-morrow at CURTAIN STRETCHERS, the latest improved style; special at
MEDICINE CABINETS, hardwood, 1.25

A High-Grade Sewing Machine.

highly polished; special at

Equal to any \$55.00 Sewing Ma-chine on the market, here at 12.75 Another Carload Soes on Sale to-

Morrow. These machines are made

These machines are made by a well-known manufacturer of high-class sewing machines, whose name will be found stamped on each and every machine. You know the good reputation of the Singer Sewing Machine—well, these are an improvement on the latest Singer ment on the latest Singer make. They are noiseless, have self-threading shuttle, automatic tension and all the atest improvements. The woodwork is of

three drawers. Guaranteed five years from date of purchase, and kept in repair for that period. No charge for instructions as to oper-ation and care. THE SAME MACHINE, with drop head,

lished oak and each machine is fitted with

Sterling Silverware.

You can make no better choice for the home of your relatives or friends than a few pieces of good silverware. You'll find it an easy matter to make a desirable selection from our immense stock, and you will be surprised at the small amount it will cost you. Here are a few sample prices:

TEA SPOONS, TABLE SPOONS, TABLE FORKS, DESSERT FORKS, DESSERT SPOONS—A choice of two handsome fancy patterns, warranted 925-1000 fine; 90e a choice at, per ounce. a choice at, per ounce,

STERLING SILVER GRAVY LADLE---Handsome, rich pattern, with burnished and gilt bowl; worth \$3.75; your choice 2.50 for

STERLING SILVER SOUP LADLE--Choice pattern, burnished and gilt bowls; 5. 50 a choice for

STERLING SILVER PICKLE FORKS, SU-GAR SHELLS, FOOD PUSHERS, SUGAR LADLES, SUGAR TONGS, CHRISTMAS SPOONS, in fancy lined boxes; a 89c choice to-morrow for

Furniture for Holiday Presents.

If you wish to make an acceptable Christmas present to your family, your relatives or your friends, choose a handsome, useful bit of well-made furniture and you will make no mistake. To assist you in your selection, we present a list of very attractive priced offerings, the equal of which you will seek for in vain elsewhere:

MAHOGANY DECORATED CABINETS. Reduced from \$55.00 to 46.25 Reduced from \$75.00 to 64.25 Reduced from \$100 to 84.00 Reduced from \$135 to 109.00

GOLD CABINETS. Reduced from \$78.00 to 66.00 Reduced from \$90.00 to 77.00 Reduced from \$110 to 88.00 Reduced from \$130 to 106.00 MAHOGANY CABINETS.

Reduced from \$35.00 to 25.00 Reduced from \$45.00 to 32.75 Reduced from \$50.00 to 36.00 Reduced from \$58.00 to 44.00 VERNIS-MARTIN CABINETS. Reduced from \$85.00 to 67.00 Reduced from \$110 to 88.00 Reduced from \$135 to 109.00 Reduced from \$160 to 132.00

MUSIC CABINETS. Designed especially for Christmas gifts, and splendid examples of high-class workmanship.

At 5.00; actual value \$7.50 At 8.75; actual value \$12.00 At 10.00; actual value \$15.00 At 14.00; actual value \$19.50 At 16.00; actual value \$22.00 At 18.50; actual value \$25.00

CHILDREN'S ROCKERS. New and artistic designs; well made, with high back; some with full reed roll front and top; for to-morrow at these prices:

Reduced from \$1.90 to 1.15 Reduced from \$2.50 to 1.60 Reduced from \$2.75 to 2.50 Reduced from \$3.75 to 1.75

Also, full and complete lines of CHILD-REN'S CHAIRS, ROCKERS, HIGH CHAIRS, AND CHILDREN'S FURNITURE OF ALL KINDS, at extremely reasonable prices.

Ansonia Royal Bonn Clocks



3.00

2.25

in delicate tints, with gilt and floral decoration, 8-day, with hour and half hour gong strike; reduced for to-morrow 5.75 to

Opera Stasses.



In view of the coming season of grand opera, what better Xmas present could you make than a pair of good opera glasses? Here's an opportunity to get them at prices that mean a sav-

OPERA GLASSES...-Premier and Chevalier, with long handles, beautifully enamelled in rich colors and Dresden effects, warranted fully achromatic; considered cheap at \$18.00; reduced for to-morrow 10.75

OPERA GLASSES-Genuine Lemaire, in Oriental pearl, with fine plated mountings; priced elsewhere at \$9.00; on sale 7.25 OPERA GLASSES-Morocco cover, 13 ligne

Lamier make, very fine lenses; regularly sold at \$3.50; reduced for to-mor- 2.25

The Upholstery Dept.

offers you for to-morrow some unprecedented bargains in the very goods most needed for the decoration and adornment of the home for the Christmas holidays. Bargains like these are not on sale every day here or elsewhere, and if you would take advantage of them you will have to be prompt.

Lace Curtains!

More room is needed in our Curtain Section. To get it we will place on sale to-morrow a number of small lots of Lace Curtains, all of this season's makes and styles; perfect in every way, but only 2 to 4 pairs of a kind. Note the great reductions from former prices: NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS; re-

duced from \$4.50 a pair to IRISH POINT LACE CURTAINS; reduced from \$6.50 a pair to

IRISH POINT LACE CURTAINS. many worth as high as \$8.00 and \$9.00 a pair; a choice to-morrow at the reduced price of

IRISH POINT CURTAINS AND POINT D'ARABE CURTAINS; formerly on sale at from \$7.50 to \$10.00 a pair; now reduced to IRISH POINT CURTAINS; reduced from \$14.50 a pair to

IRISH POINT CURTAINS; reduced from \$18.00 to Lace Bed Spreads

at a saving of fully one-third. IRISH POINT BED SETS, comprising spread and 2 shams, per set, \$11.95, \$9.50 and

New Portieres at new prices. LOUIS XV. BROCADES AND EXTRA HEAVY BAGDAD TAPESTRY POR-

TIERES; usually sold at \$7.00 and \$7.50 a pair; reduced for to-morrow HEAVY SATIN DAMASK POR-TIERES, the \$14.50 kind, at, per

FRENCH DAMASK PORTIERES, in soft artistic colors, with heavy fringes, the \$22.50 kind, at, per pair, FRENCH VELOUR PORTIERES, none

better, per pair, French Volour Table Covers. The best quality, specially priced for to-morrow. 8-4 size 6-4 size 4-4 size

Tapestry Wall Panels. Some woven, some painted, all at greatly

reduced prices. Size 50x78 in.; formerly on sale \$20.00, on sale to-morrow at Size 27x45 in.; formerly on sale at \$7.90; now reduced to Size 27x63 in.; formerly on sale at \$5.75; now reduced to

Dolls and Goys

for the girls and boys. Some goods not obtainable at other stores at anything like the low prices asked for them at The Big



THIS HANDSOME JOINT-ED DOLL, 22 inches long, has large, handsome bisqe head, full sewed curly wig, open mouth, showing teeth, jointed wrists, stockings and dainty chemise with lace biggest value offered now; your choice 1. 25 anywhere just HOBBY HORSE, made of

hardwood, good size, has hair mane and tail, enamel cloth saddle and bridle, at 95c DOLL GO-CART, made of willow, pret-

ty design, strongly made and splen-did value at MAGIC LANTERN, 7 inches high, has good lens, 6 slides, lamp, &c., at

BALKY MULE, the obstinate mechanical animal with the clown driver, at OUR ASSORTMENT OF DOLL HEADS is the largest and finest to be found anywhere, and our prices the most reasonable.

Ladies' Toilet Combs, etc. Choice selections of stylish. useful articles, suitable for Christmas presents, specially reduced in price for Wednesday:

LADIES' EMPIRE COMBS, of real shell, highly polished, in 6 different styles, all new; worth \$1.50 apiece; a choice 986



ranging from \$1.48 to

LADIES' REAL SHELL CHIGNON COMBS, extra heavy, all the newest effects; a choice to-morrow 2.00 LADIES' GOLD-

TRIMMED EM-PIRE, CHIGNON, POMPADOUR AND SIDE COMBS, with handsome Rhinestone effects, at 8. 90 prices ranging from 50c. apiece to FEATHERED AIGRETTES, all colors, with handsome cut stones, also tiaras in pearl and rhinestone effects, at prices 5.75

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TUESDAY, DEC. 11, 1900. TWO GREAT VALUES IN

> Ladies' Suits FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12: LADIES' WALKING SUITS, of heavy double-

> faced covert cloth, with double-breasted blouse jacket and flaring flounce skirt, in black, blue, brown, gray and Oxford, At 15.00.

LADIES' FINELY TAILORED PEBBLE
CHEVIOT SUITS, with double-breasted,
tight-fitting jackets over new model, sevengored flare skirt, jacket over heavy satin
and interlined; unquestionably the finest
shaped and finest tailored suit that could be made; wonderfully low priced

At 19.75.

Groceries.

Pure Foods only are fit to eat; use no other. The "Hazel" brand is the essence of purity, and as to prices, the following quotations will not be

MEAT: Plate and navel Corned Beef, per lb., Sc Chuck Roasts (cut from native cattle), lb., 9c

MILK: "Fern" brand Condensed Milk or Su-TOMATOES: "Hazel" or "Quinten Beauty," FIGS: Extra fancy Pulled Pigs, regular price, solid cold packed selected red ripe Jersey Tomatoes, canned as soon as plucked from the vines, in large sterilized cans, per doz., \$1.40, per can, 12c SALMON: "Discovery," flat cans, 12c PISH: Boston Finnan Haddies, per lb., 6c PARABOLIES: (Willish Great) beauty for the per tin, 17c Palstaff's BONELESS SARDINES, halves, per tin, 17c

PISH: Boston Flanan Handson, brand fancy ASPARAGUS: "High Grade" brand fancy White California Asparagus, tender stalks, 28c sweet POTATOES: "Pride of Virginia,"
40c per peach basket, 40c LEMONS: Fancy new large juicy Messina Lemons, per dor., 15c TABLE RAISINS: Pancy Clusters, per 1b., 25c., 26c. and 15c per page., CURRANTS: Choice selected recleaned Cur-15c rants, per ib.,
PEEL. New candied Leghern Citron, Lemon or Orange Peel, per ib.,
15c or Orange Peel, per Ib., Hazel Breakfast Pood, an ideal morning dish, 13c

per page., 13c BEANS: N. Y. State Pea Beane, 5 lbs., 23c

can, COFFRE: Choice Old Government Java or Monogram Rye Whiskey, per gal., is flagrant drinking Coffees, 35 bs., 36c Jug. Old Cabinet Rye Whiskey, por gal., is jug.

PEAS: "Hazel" brand Early June or Marrowfat Peas, uniform in size, tender, sweet and
creamy, possess the fine, delicious flavor of
the fresh garden peas, per dor. \$1.40, per
cau, 12c
TEAS: Pancy new crean chalca michines

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OLIVES: "Hazel" fancy, large selected Olives, exquisite flavor land taste, 20-oz. bot., CANNED FRUIT: "Milford" famey

California Pruits, packed on estate whe fruit is perfectly ripe; Lemon Cling or Te low Crawford Peaches, White or Black Che ries, Bartlett Pears, can, SOAP: "Hasel" White Soap, pur soap, entirely free free any ad 10 cakes,

Wines and Liquors. H. B. Kirk's Old Crow Rye, per bottle, Usher's Scotch Whiskey, imported in per bet., Double Stout, equal to imported, per doz. Crystallized Rock and Rye, per bottle,

BEANS: N. Y. State Pea Beans, 5 lbs., 23c ORANGES: Choice California Seedlings, per doz., 25c DELICATESSEN: Mild sugar-cured Ham or Corned Beef (sliced), 1 lb., 23c HERRING: New importation Bismarck Rering, per tin, 23c PICKLES: Holbrock's Genuine English Pickles or Chow Chew, per glass jar, 17c PLUM PUDDING: "Hazel" brand Plum Pudding, made from the very best ingredients and in the old English style, per 1-lb. 19c Can, 19c Challen Charles Can, 19c Challen Charles C

PROSPERITY PROVERBS—No. 6.

